



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	20-0003 COVID-19 2020
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Region	
Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
DDCs Active	DDCs 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9A, 9B, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16A, 16B, 16C, 16D, 17, 18A, 18B, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24 & Capitol

Current Situation: The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is currently reporting a total of 698,387 cases of COVID-19 in the State of Texas which includes an estimated 71,614 active cases, 611,856 individuals have recovered from the virus and 14,917 confirmed COVID-19 related fatalities. Across Texas, a total of 5,622,498 COVID-19 molecular tests have been completed.

Visit the Testing Sites Map online for testing locations near you.

<https://txdps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8bf7c6a436a64bfe9a5ce25be580e4ff>

View the Governor's Executive Orders issued:

<https://lrl.texas.gov/legLeaders/governors/displayDocs.cfm?govdoctypeID=5&governorID=45>

Websites to help Texans during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

The Governor's Report to Open Texas.

<https://open.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Report.pdf>

Texas Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Page. <https://www.texas.gov/covid19/>

The Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas and a list of guidelines, openings, and relevant dates. <https://open.texas.gov/>

Texas Health and Human Services Family Violence Program.

<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/safety/family-violence-program>

Texas Health and Human Services Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) and

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-information-texans/pandemic-ebt-p-ebt-due-covid-19>

Texas Health and Human Services Mental Health and Substance Use Resources.

<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/mental-health-substance-use/mental-health-substance-use-resources>

One Star Foundation, Texas COVID Relief Fund. <http://onestarfoundation.org/txcovidfund/>

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Help for Texans.

<https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/texans.htm>

Essential Services. <https://tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices/>

Help essential workers in Texas locate child care and support child care centers.

<https://frontlinechildcare.texas.gov/>

Special WIC Food Updates. <https://texaswic.org/about-wic/special-wic-food-updates>

Comfort Food Care Packages (CFCP). <https://www.txrestaurant.org/news/comfort-food-care-packages-feed-youth-and-families-need-and-stay-open>

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. <https://www.cms.gov/>

Texas Health and Human Services. <https://hhs.texas.gov/>

Texans in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid.

<https://www.YourTexasBenefits.com>

To apply for unemployment benefits or to request payment

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/unemployment-benefits-services>

On September 17, Governor Abbot issued Executive Orders expanding occupancy levels at 75% for restaurants, retail stores, office buildings, manufacturing facilities, gyms and exercise facilities and classes, museums, and libraries, and re-authorizing elective surgeries for a majority of the state of Texas beginning September 21. In addition, the Governor implemented the use of reliable, data driven hospitalization metrics used by doctors and medical experts to help guide the state's ongoing efforts to contain COVID-19 and expand occupancy for businesses and services. This metric focuses on areas with high hospitalizations, referring to any Trauma Service Area (TSA) that has had seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of all hospitalized patients exceeds 15%, until such time as the TSA has seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of all hospitalized patients is 15% or less. A current list of areas with high hospitalizations will be maintained at www.dshs.texas.gov/ga3031.

Three of the 22 TSAs (S-Victoria, T-Laredo, and V-Lower Rio Grande Valley) must remain at 50% occupancy and continue postponing elective surgeries until the hospitalization metric requirements are met. These three TSAs contain the following counties: Calhoun, DeWitt,

Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca, Victoria, Jim Hogg, Webb, Zapata, Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy. New visitation guidance for eligible nursing homes, assisted living facilities, intermediate care facilities, home and community-based service providers, and inpatient hospice effective Thursday, September 24 while maintaining health and safety standards to mitigate COVID-19.

On September 7, Governor Abbott issued a proclamation extending his Disaster Declaration for all Texas counties in response to COVID-19.

On August 31, Governor Abbott announced the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will provide approximately \$188 million in emergency SNAP food benefits for the month of September as Texas continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On August 21, Governor Abbott issued a statement after the federal government approved nearly \$1.4 billion in initial funds made available through President Trump's Lost Wage Assistance Executive Order. This funding will provide an additional \$300 per week in benefits for qualifying Texans receiving unemployment benefits.

On August 20, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Education Agency (TEA), in partnership with Local Education Agencies, has procured more than 1 million personal devices and internet WiFi hotspots as part of the State's Operation Connectivity initiative. Financed by a previously announced \$200 million allocation of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding that was allocated to the TEA, and matched by school districts across Texas.

On August 20, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has applied for additional unemployment benefit funding made available through President Trump's Lost Wage Assistance Executive Order.

On August 13, Governor Abbott traveled to El Paso to meet with state representatives and local leaders to discuss the community's response to COVID-19.

On August 12, Governor Abbott announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has extended operations for four temporary COVID-19 surge testing sites in Harris County.

On August 11, Governor Abbott traveled to Beaumont and Victoria to hold a briefing with local officials and state representatives on the ongoing COVID-19 response in Jefferson County.

On August 8, Governor Abbott extended his Disaster Declaration for all Texas counties in response to COVID-19. Originally issued on March 13th, the Disaster Declaration provides the state a variety of resources to effectively serve Texans.

On August 7, Governor Abbott announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has established four temporary COVID-19 surge testing sites. Two testing sites in Houston and Pasadena began operations August 6th, and two testing sites in Houston and Kingwood began operations on Monday, August 10th. For hours of operation and registration details, visit www.doineedacovid19test.com.

On August 6, Governor Abbott announced that the Houston Astros and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) have teamed up to open a free COVID-19 testing site at Minute Maid Park in Houston. The testing site will be able to process 2,000 tests per day and began operations on Saturday, August 8. Testing will run from 8:00 AM through 4:00 PM seven days per week. To book an appointment and learn more, visit [Texas.curativeinc.com](https://www.texas.curativeinc.com).

On August 5, Governor Abbott and the HHSC announced that the federal government has further extended the deadline to apply for the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund. The deadline has now been extended to Aug. 28, 2020 for Medicaid and CHIP providers as the state responds to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On August 4, Governor Abbott visited the McAllen Convention Center for the opening of the temporary health care facility which will help increase the Rio Grande Valley's hospital capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On August 4, Governor Abbott visited the TDEM Warehouse in San Antonio where he provided an update on the state's distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Texas school districts for the 2020-2021 academic year.

On August 4, Governor Abbott announced that President Trump has extended federal funding for the Texas National Guard's mission to help combat COVID-19 in communities across the state.

On July 31, Governor Abbott held virtual meetings with Mayors, County Judges, Emergency Managers, Hospital Executives, State Legislators, and other local officials from the cities of Laredo and Eagle Pass to discuss ongoing efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19.

On July 30, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC will provide approximately \$185 million in emergency SNAP food benefits for the month of August as the state continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On July 30, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC is extending flexibilities to Medicaid and CHIP recipients and providers through October 23, 2020, as the state continues to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

On July 28, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC is extending the application deadline for the federal Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer program (P-EBT) to August 21 to ensure eligible families have more time to apply for this one-time food benefit.

On July 24, Governor Abbott announced HHSC has received federal authority to extend certifications by six months for SNAP recipients whose benefits are up for renewal in July and August.

On July 24, Governor Abbott and the Texas Military Department (TMD) announced Joint Task Force Texas, a newly formed partnership between the Texas National Guard and Active Duty and Reservists to strengthen COVID-19 response efforts in Texas.

Texas Air National Guard Brig. Gen. Thomas Suelzer, appointed as the dual-status commander, serves as the commander of both Texas National Guard and federal service

members.

On July 23, The Office Of The Governor and Guadalupe Zamora, MD, of Zamora Medical Center released a new English-Spanish language public service announcement (PSA) urging communities to work together to protect vulnerable Texans from COVID-19.

On July 22, Governor Abbott announced that the State of Texas will allocate an additional \$118 million in federal funding to support higher education in Texas, including \$93 million to help students continue or restart their progress toward earning a post-secondary credential or degree.

On July 21, Governor Abbott held virtual meetings with mayors, county judges, emergency managers, hospital executives, state legislators, and other local officials from Cameron and Hidalgo Counties to discuss the unified efforts to combat COVID-19 in these communities.

On July 19, Governor Abbott announced that the U.S. Department of Defense has sent five U.S. Navy teams to four locations in South and Southwest Texas to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

On July 17, Governor Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Patrick, House Speaker Bonnen, Senate Finance Committee Chair Nelson, Vice Chair Hinojosa, and House Appropriations Committee Chair Capriglione and Vice Chair Longoria announced that the State of Texas will allocate \$200 million in CARES Act funding to the TEA for the purchase of eLearning devices and home internet solutions to enable remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic for Texas students that lack connectivity.

On July 15, Governor Abbott announced that his Public Safety Office (PSO) will provide \$41 million in federal funds to assist cities and counties throughout the COVID-19 response.

On July 13, Governor Abbott announced that the U.S. Department of Defense has activated additional U.S. Army Urban Augmentation Medical Task Forces (UAMTF) to assist the state's efforts to combat COVID-19.

On July 10, Governor Abbott extended the COVID-19 Disaster Proclamation to further mitigate the spread of the virus. He also announced that Omnicare, a CVS Health company, is partnering with the State of Texas to provide COVID-19 point of care testing for assisted living facilities and nursing homes throughout the state

On July 9, Governor Abbott issued a Proclamation suspending elective surgeries in hospitals in all counties located within 11 Trauma Service Areas (TSAs) in Texas.

On July 8, Governor Abbott announced that the State of Texas will invest \$57 million in federal funds to maintain the state's need-based financial aid programs and keep more students enrolled at their colleges and universities.

On July 4, Governor Abbott announced that DSHS is distributing 448 cases of the antiviral drug Remdesivir to 157 hospitals across Texas.

On July 2, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order requiring all Texans to wear a face

covering over the nose and mouth in public spaces in counties with 20 or more positive COVID- 19 cases, with few exceptions. The Governor also issued a proclamation giving mayors and county judges the ability to impose restrictions on some outdoor gatherings of over 10 people, and making it mandatory that, with certain exceptions, people cannot be in groups larger than ten and must maintain six feet of social distancing from others.

On July 2, Governor Abbott and HHSC announced that \$2.67 billion in federal funding has been approved to support Texas hospitals that provide care for people receiving Medicaid.

On June 30, Governor Abbott and HHSC announced \$9 million in federal funding for nursing facilities to implement infection control.

On June 30, Governor Abbott issued a proclamation suspending elective surgeries at hospitals in Cameron, Hidalgo, Nueces, and Webb counties to help ensure hospital bed availability for COVID-19 patients in these communities.

On June 26, Governor Abbott issued an executive order limiting certain businesses and services as part of the state's effort to contain the spread of COVID-19.

On June 26, Governor Abbott announced that the federal government has granted his request to extend operations of Community Based Testing Sites across Texas.

On June 25, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission enacted new emergency rules related to health and safety standards for child day care operations.

On June 25, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order to ensure hospital bed availability for COVID-19 patients as Texas faces an increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

On June 24, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM, in partnership with the Texas Military Department (TMD), will begin distributing 3-ply surgical masks to every Texan who undergoes COVID-19 testing at state-run mobile test collection sites.

On June 23, As COVID-19 cases rise in Texas, Governor Abbott has expanded the ability of mayors and county judges to impose restrictions on outdoor gatherings of over 100 people.

On June 22, Governor Abbot provided an update on Texas' continued response to COVID-19.

On June 16, Governor Abbott and Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs of the University of Texas (UT) System John Zerwas, MD, provided an update on Texas' hospital capacity

On June 11, Governor Abbott extended the Disaster Declaration for all counties in the State of Texas amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

On June 9, Governor Abbott announced that DSHS is distributing additional cases of the antiviral drug Remdesivir to 85 hospitals across 34 counties in Texas.

On June 8, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM is coordinating with local officials, public health officials, and emergency management offices in cities across the state to identify and

rapidly expand COVID-19 testing in underserved and minority communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the virus.

On June 3, Governor Abbott announced the third phase of the State of Texas' plan to safely open the economy while containing the spread of COVID-19. Under Phase III, effective immediately, all businesses in Texas will be able to operate at up to 50% capacity, with very limited exceptions.

On May 27, Governor Abbott and HHSC announced \$3.6 million in funding for nursing facilities to purchase tablets, webcams, and headphones to connect residents with their loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 21, Governor Greg Abbott directed HHSC to expand COVID-19 testing to all patients, residents, and staff at the 23 state-operated inpatient psychiatric hospitals and living centers throughout Texas.

On May 15, Governor Abbott and TDEM announced that local fire departments in Texas are partnering with local public health authorities to provide testing in nursing homes throughout the state.

On May 14, Governor Abbott announced HHSC has received more than \$3 million in federal funding to provide shelter and services to survivors of family and domestic violence during the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Abbott also announced that the Texas National Guard has activated Facilities Disinfection Teams to support Texans in nursing homes and to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

On May 13, Governor Abbott waived license renewal late fees that accrued between March 13 and June 15, 2020 for occupational licenses issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).

On May 12, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide more than \$1 billion in food benefits through the federal Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program to families with children who have temporarily lost access to free or discounted school meals due to COVID-19-related school closures.

On May 11, Governor Abbott directed HHSC, TDEM, and DSHS to test 100% of residents and staff in Texas nursing homes.

On May 8, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Category B (Emergency Protective Measures) assistance funding to provide financial support to Texas' network of food banks.

On May 6, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC has received \$5.8 million in federal funding to provide crisis counseling services to Texans who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

On April 30, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has issued new guidance to unemployment claimants concerning their eligibility for unemployment

benefits should they choose not to return to work at this time due to COVID-19.

On April 27, Governor Abbott announced the first phase of the State of Texas' ongoing plan to safely and strategically open Texas while minimizing the spread of COVID-19.

On April 24, Governor Abbott announced that TDEM and DSHS have launched an online COVID-19 test collection map to help Texans locate test collection sites within their community.

On April 24, Governor Abbott and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) announced that Texas will provide Home Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) to Texans experiencing housing challenges due to COVID-19.

On April 23, Governor Abbott announced that Texas A&M Service will provide a series of free online trainings to help local officials understand, acquire, and administer federal assistance available to the state of Texas and municipalities through the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and recently passed CARES Act.

On April 23, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC will receive nearly \$54 million in federal funds to support older Texans and people with disabilities during the COVID-19 response.

On April 22, Governor Abbott temporarily waived certain restrictions to allow Texas higher education institutions to transfer all unexpended student financial aid funds from the Texas College Work-Study (TCWS) program to other financial aid programs that do not have a work-study requirement to ensure students will continue receiving financial assistance.

On April 20, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas National Guard will be mobilizing more than 1,200 personnel as part of COVID-19 mobile testing teams (MTT).

With reports of elevated scams and fraudulent activity preying on the public and consumers disguised as COVID-19 relief and assistance, local, state and federal response includes guidance, investigation, and prosecution. See links below:

- Federal Trade Commission: <https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus>
- Federal Bureau of Investigation: <https://www.fbi.gov/coronavirus>
- Texas Attorney General: <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov>
- US Attorney's Office: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndtx/report-covid-19-fraud>
- Federal Communications Commission: <https://www.fcc.gov/covid-scams>

On April 13, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton filed a motion to intervene into a federal lawsuit seeking to stop the release of inmates from the Dallas County Jail, including killers, rapists, arsonists and armed robbers.

On April 9, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC has adopted an emergency rule to temporarily allow more nurse aides to serve residents in long-term care facilities during the COVID-19 response.

On April 8, Governor Abbott suspended certain statutes concerning appearance before a notary public to execute a self-proved will, a durable power of attorney, a medical power of attorney, a directive to physician, or an oath of an executor, administrator, or guardian.

On April 8, Governor Abbott announced that his Public Safety Office (PSO) will provide a one-time emergency waiver of the federally required cash or in-kind match contribution required for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant funds.

On April 8, Governor Abbott announced that Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) will provide more than \$168 million in emergency SNAP food benefits to help Texans during the COVID-19 response.

On April 6, Texas Health and Human Services announces Texas WIC, the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, is expanding the number of food items eligible for purchase through the program.

On April 5, Governor Abbott temporarily waived certain regulations to expand the health care workforce to assist with Texas' COVID-19 response.

On April 3, Governor Abbott held a press conference to provide an update on Texas hospital capacity. Texas has increased by over 140% since March 18.

On April 1, Governor Abbott and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) took initial action to provide tenant-based rental assistance for Texans experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19.

On March 31, Governor Abbott announced the Comfort Food Care Package (CFCP) program to provide meals for at-risk youth and families in communities across Texas as the state responds to COVID-19.

On March 28, Governor Abbott waived certain regulations allowing for an expedited licensing reactivation process for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) in Texas. The Governor also waived certain licensing renewal regulations for Texas pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technician trainees.

On March 27, Governor Abbott announced the deployment of three National Guard Joint Task Force Brigades. The 72nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the 56th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and the 176th Engineer Brigade.

On March 27, Governor Abbott waived certain Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) regulations to preserve and extend child care capacity for front line workers.

On March 25, Governor Abbott released a statement thanking President Trump for issuing a Major Disaster Declaration (DR-4485) for the State of Texas.

On March 23, Governor Abbott sent a letter to President Trump requesting a presidential declaration of a major disaster in Texas based on the continued impact of COVID-19.

Chief Nim Kidd has been designated the Governor's Authorized Representative and State Coordinating Officer, tasked with continuing his coordination with FEMA on all matters related to COVID-19.

On March 20, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) warned consumers about unauthorized fraudulent coronavirus tests. Governor Abbott also announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has included the entire state of Texas in its Economic Injury Disaster Declaration and granted access to its Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program.

On March 19, the Commissioner of the Department of State Health Services, Dr. John Hellerstedt, issued a Public Health Disaster Declaration in Texas. Governor Abbott issued a proclamation suspending provisions of the Texas Election Code to allow political subdivisions to postpone their 2020 local elections. Governor Abbott and TEA announced a collaboration with Local Education Agencies (LEA) on the Texas Students Meal Finder Map which will allow Texas parents to locate LEA facilities serving meals in their communities.

On March 17, Governor Abbott waived certain regulations and directed that the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) issue an emergency rule, relating to telemedicine care for patients with state-regulated insurance plans.

On March 14, Governor Abbott, directed the Texas Medical Board (TMB) and the Texas Board of Nursing (TBN) to fast-track the temporary licensing of out-of-state physicians, physician assistants, certain retired physicians, nurses, and other license types to assist in Texas' response to COVID-19.

On March 13, the President of the United States Donald Trump declared that the COVID-19 global pandemic is a national emergency. On the same day, Governor Abbott issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat in the state and declared a state of disaster for all 254 counties in Texas.

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Commissioner Sid Miller announced TDA has been granted flexibility from the federal school meal program to allow Texas schools to continue to provide meals to students even if temporarily closed.

Texas COVID-19 Cases, [September 21, 2020](#)

County of Residence	Cases	County of Residence	Cases	County of Residence	Cases	County of Residence	Cases
Anderson	2,792	Donley	59	Karnes	935	Real	117
Andrews	412	Duval	418	Kaufman	3,018	Red River	159
Angelina	2,113	Eastland	158	Kendall	330	Reeves	188
Aransas	319	Ector	3,044	Kenedy	7	Refugio	303
Archer	69	Edwards	67	Kent	8	Roberts	9
Armstrong	12	El Paso	22,652	Kerr	586	Robertson	292
Atascosa	1,149	Ellis	4,192	Kimble	16	Rockwall	1,543
Austin	491	Erath	804	Kinney	44	Runnels	244
Bailey	206	Falls	223	Kleberg	992	Rusk	883
Bandera	153	Fannin	656	Knox	68	Sabine	77
Bastrop	1,789	Fayette	462	La Salle	359	San Augustine	199
Baylor	14	Fisher	64	Lamar	1,046	San Jacinto	224

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Bee	1,834	Floyd	106	Lamb	324	San Patricio	1,415
Bell	5,306	Foard	9	Lampasas	231	San Saba	52
Bexar	43,667	Fort Bend	15,789	Lavaca	964	Schleicher	52
Blanco	141	Franklin	130	Lee	217	Scurry	610
Bosque	294	Freestone	403	Leon	230	Shackelford	24
Bowie	1,255	Frio	670	Liberty	2,242	Shelby	462
Brazoria	11,047	Gaines	313	Limestone	556	Sherman	60
Brazos	6,081	Galveston	11,450	Lipscomb	32	Smith	3,620
Brewster	214	Garza	103	Live Oak	368	Somervell	137
Briscoe	12	Gillespie	309	Llano	118	Starr	3,379
Brooks	298	Glasscock	7	Lubbock	10,455	Stephens	129
Brown	543	Goliad	154	Lynn	93	Sterling	4
Burleson	327	Gonzales	1,056	Madison	718	Stonewall	11
Burnet	701	Gray	283	Marion	150	Sutton	81
Caldwell	1,488	Grayson	1,791	Martin	77	Swisher	99
Calhoun	812	Gregg	2,131	Mason	76	Tarrant	43,364
Callahan	84	Grimes	1,067	Matagorda	1,039	Taylor	1,442
Cameron	22,405	Guadalupe	3,545	Maverick	3,535	Terrell	3
Camp	349	Hale	1,807	McCulloch	139	Terry	229
Carson	18	Hall	24	McLennan	7,520	Throckmorton	7
Cass	322	Hamilton	115	McMullen	21	Titus	1,443
Castro	249	Hansford	111	Medina	1,179	Tom Green	2,204
Chambers	1,261	Hardeman	24	Menard	26	Travis	28,441
Cherokee	1,522	Hardin	1,317	Midland	3,551	Trinity	191
Childress	66	Harris	123,817	Milam	483	Tyler	210
Clay	76	Harrison	868	Mills	52	Upshur	374
Cochran	48	Hartley	118	Mitchell	84	Upton	23
Coke	51	Haskell	62	Montague	164	Uvalde	755
Coleman	67	Hays	5,736	Montgomery	10,571	Val Verde	2,135
Collin	13,011	Hemphill	73	Moore	1,151	Van Zandt	568
Collingsworth	18	Henderson	923	Morris	182	Victoria	3,996
Colorado	480	Hidalgo	30,577	Motley	7	Walker	3,658
Comal	2,606	Hill	605	Nacogdoches	1,516	Waller	826
Comanche	280	Hockley	326	Navarro	1,224	Ward	120
Concho	89	Hood	882	Newton	172	Washington	627
Cooke	395	Hopkins	325	Nolan	208	Webb	13,171
Coryell	1,795	Houston	364	Nueces	15,582	Wharton	1,340
Cottle	25	Howard	620	Ochiltree	127	Wheeler	46
Crane	71	Hudspeth	45	Oldham	15	Wichita	1,613
Crockett	164	Hunt	1,557	Orange	1,905	Wilbarger	131

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Crosby	86	Hutchinson	192	Palo Pinto	502	Willacy	1,198
Culberson	51	Irion	10	Panola	369	Williamson	8,385
Dallam	232	Jack	131	Parker	1,822	Wilson	879
Dallas	77,889	Jackson	604	Parmer	415	Winkler	111
Dawson	353	Jasper	459	Pecos	357	Wise	712
DeWitt	975	Jeff Davis	14	Polk	828	Wood	496
Deaf Smith	855	Jefferson	7,182	Potter	4,517	Yoakum	201
Delta	24	Jim Hogg	102	Presidio	96	Young	266
Denton	11,501	Jim Wells	1,433	Rains	65	Zapata	326
Dickens	48	Johnson	2,795	Randall	2,612	Zavala	341
Dimmit	248	Jones	584	Reagan	87	Total	698,387

DSHS will update the state case count each day by 4:00 PM Central Time.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Protect vulnerable populations.
3. Support rapid & effective response.
4. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
5. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
6. Expand and maximize bed capacity.
7. Develop alternative care sites to support local governments and the health care systems.
8. Acquire supplies/equipment to support health care and testing.
9. Ensure visibility on progression of the disease.
10. Support local governments

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

DDC 4A – Hurst (Includes Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise Counties)

Tarrant County:

City of Fort Worth: Fort Worth Fire Department has opened a COVID-19 testing center available to front line health care workers including physicians, nurses, medical assistants and other health professionals. Call the Infections Disease Coordinator at the Joint Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the City of Fort Worth at 817-714-9709. This number is answered from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily.

DDC 6 – Tyler (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood Counties)

2-1-1 is open to the public 24/7 to answer questions about COVID-19 symptoms, and related resources are online at <http://www.211.org/services/covid19>. There are two additional ways to connect: people can text “211Help” to 484848, or visit www.211texas.org to web chat with a Community Resource Specialist. This is a local United Way initiative.

Smith County:

City of Tyler: The City's phased re-open plan for services and facilities is active. A complete list of open/closed services is on the City website: <https://www.cityoftyler.org/>.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and 16 Rosenberg)**DDC 15 – Beaumont** (Includes Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties)

The Southeast Texas Regional Emergency Operations Center launched a website summarizing and consolidating all information related to COVID-19 activities in Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, and Tyler counties. <https://covid-19-jeffco.hub.arcgis.com/>

DDC 16 – Houston (Includes Chambers and Harris Counties)**Harris County:**

City of Houston: Houstonians should visit HoustonEmergency.org/covid19 for the latest local information about COVID-19 and ways to protect their family and community.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management Texas A&M University System (TDEM): The State of Texas State Operations Center remains at Readiness Level II Escalated Response Conditions, with Daily Operations staff processing disaster declarations, letters to the Governor, Disaster Summary Outlines, State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs), as well as severe weather messages, and preparing Snapshots and the state SITREP. The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the State Operations Center, working together with activated members of the State's Emergency Management Council. TDEM District Coordinators are working closely with their local emergency management partners and various members of the public health community to assist with unmet needs and resources.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife) Pony Express Team members made the following deliveries/retrievals yesterday:

- 3 Deliveries of tests to MTT or QRF sites
- 4 Coolers picked-up from Labs

Two DAR agents received specimens at armories/airports from 2 QRF collection sites after closing and transferred them to airports or reefer trucks to be taken to Austin for distribution to laboratories. [Twelve DAR agents are coordinating with test sites to ensure deliveries of kits to the Courier.](#) DAR agents Pony Expressed disinfecting team supplies from the Alternate SOC to TMD at Dallas RSA on September 19.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX): TEEX continues to coordinate operations from the SOC and the 8 IST Resource Staging Areas (RSA) throughout Texas in 10 distribution locations. TEEX currently has [70](#) personnel deployed to support ongoing response activities throughout the state.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS currently has 20 personnel committed to COVID-19

response and is providing planning, logistical support and other functional areas as needed to the TDEM, DSHS and local entities. Response activities include Situation Reports, STAR processing, logistical support for shipping and receiving medical supplies, and incident management support.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): Texas Animal Health Commission is activated virtually in support of the state response to the outbreak of COVID-19. The TAHC is working with state and federal One Health partners to ensure consistent public information messaging for how to deal with animals in the context of potential COVID-19 exposure. The TAHC supports assessing Texas animals for COVID-19 testing and tracks testing results: to date, 10 animals in Texas have tested positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has created a link specific for COVID-19 on our public webpage.

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/covid-19/tceq-preparedness-responsibilities-covid-19>

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR):

- TDLR continues to update their website's COVID-19 page (<https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/covid19.htm>) with the latest developments affecting their licensees and the public.
- TDLR has extended their agency's current work from home initiative through November 1, 2020.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): DPS Texas Highway Patrol (THP) is currently providing:

- DPS CCG Command Trailer has been made available to TDEM Daily Operations for off-site COOP.
- One Sergeant, three Troopers are assigned to assist with the COVID-19 testing site in Dallas.
- Eight THP Troopers assigned to assist with the COVID-19 testing sites in Harris County.
- One DPS HSOC GIS Specialist assigned to assist with GIS efforts in support of COVID-19.
- DPS Troopers continue providing security to the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) location in Dallas.
- THP continues to have a liaison at the State Operations Center currently assisting with "Pony Express" Rural COVID-19 Testing Sites by coordinating ground transportation of the collected samples for THP/CID to transport to the designated labs for processing.
- Since April 24, DPS Aviation has performed 354 flights, transported 1,554 coolers of samples and has 1,112 hours of flight time.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS is supporting Alternate Care Site operations across the state. DSHS is training volunteers online and is also working with Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) to deploy volunteers to needed areas.

Regional Activities:

- Regional EPI Emergency Response Teams have been conducting daily monitoring of PUM/PUI within the region in collaboration with LHDs.
- Mobile test sites have opened throughout the regions and are operating one day testing by appointment only. Status of mobile test sites can be viewed [here](#).
- All RHMOCs are at full activation.

- All eight HPP Providers have activated Medical Operations Centers and are distributing PPE to healthcare entities in the region.

State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) Activities:

- A total of 1,576 LTC facilities have been tested by Rapid Assessment (RA) teams in response to the Governor's orders to test all nursing home staff and residents.
- DSHS is also leading efforts to support regions with alternate care sites throughout Texas.

DSHS Call Center Activities:

The Call Center has received 25,689 calls and 23,283 emails to date. The Call Center will operate Monday-Friday from 8:00AM -6:00PM and Saturday-Sunday from 8:00AM -5:00PM.

Texas Education Agency (TEA): To view TEA support and guidance for school districts regarding COVID-19 please visit <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/safe-and-healthy-schools/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): HHSC temporarily suspended non-essential visits to State Hospitals and State Supported Living Centers.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD currently has 1,420 personnel in support of the COVID-19 Response. TMD General Support Units are staged in Kingsville, Dallas, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Lubbock, Austin, Houston, El Paso, Weslaco, and Tyler to implement the TDEM distribution plan to the RACs and have distributed 8,810 pallets. TMD is assisting TDEM with warehouse distribution of PPE. TMD has supported Community Based Test site operations, testing a total of 447,506 people, and currently testing in Houston, Beaumont, McAllen, Alice, Freer, Alamo, Fabens, Mission, Sinton, Zapata, and Denton. TMD is supporting DDC 21 and DDC 19 with mortuary affairs. TMD has disinfected a total of 9,374,811 square feet.

TMD personnel are supporting the Rio Grande Valley Food Bank, the South Texas Food Bank, the North Texas Food Bank, the Coastal Bend Food Bank, the San Antonio Food Bank, Houston Area Food Bank, and the Tarrant Area Food Bank with 133,029,275 lbs. distributed to date.

Texas Public Utilities Commission (PUC): PUC has created a link specific for COVID-19 on our public webpage. <http://www.puc.texas.gov/covid-19/>

Texas Wing Civil Air Patrol (CAP): On September 19, CAP delivered two boxes with 107 samples from Tyler to Austin, flying three sorties with one aircraft.

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC):

Unemployment Insurance:

- Call centers are open 7 days a week 7:00 AM-7:00 PM.
- TWC Website, Information for COVID-19 [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- Expanded the number of people doing pin and password resets.

U.S. Army North (ARNORTH): JTF-TX priority of support continues to be the southeast border area, followed by San Antonio and the Coastal Bend. There are 142 Title 10 personnel across the State to relieve hospitals, with 93 medical personnel employed in support of three hospitals.

Mission Information and Details

JTF-TX is supporting the following medical treatment facilities (MTF):

- **Harlingen**
 - Valley Baptist Medical Center (active)
 - Harlingen Medical Center (active)
- **Eagle Pass** – Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center (active)

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
AgriLife, TAMUS	Specialists/Admin	22		Activated	College Station
AgriLife, TAMUS	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
AgriLife, TAMUS	DAR Extension Agents	15	15	Assigned	Statewide
AgriLife, TAMUS	Incident Support Teams	16	16	Assigned	Regional Advisory Council Areas
TEEX, TAMUS	SOC Liaisons	4		Assigned	Remote SOC/Austin
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	Austin
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	10		Assigned	Corpus Christi / Weslaco
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	3		Assigned	Dallas
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	9		Assigned	El Paso / Midland
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	17		Assigned	San Antonio
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	7		Assigned	Tyler
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	4		Assigned	Lubbock
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Support Team (IST)	4		Assigned	Houston
TEEX, TAMUS	Incident Management Team (IMT)	4		Assigned	San Antonio/LRGV/ Longview
TFS, A&M	ESB/ESF 4 Representative	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TFS, A&M	EOC Support	3		Assigned	College Station
TFS, A&M	Logistical Support	4		Assigned	San Antonio Warehouse
TFS, A&M	TIFMAS Logistical Support	4	4	Assigned	Grand Prairie
TFS, A&M	TIFMAS Logistical Support	8	8	Assigned	Fort Worth

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DPS-THP	Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
DPS-THP	Personnel	4	4	Assigned	Dallas County
DPS-THP	HSOC GIS Specialist	1	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
DPS THP	Troopers			Assigned	Statewide
DPS CID	Special Agents			Assigned	Statewide
DPS COMMS	Command Trailer		1	Assigned	Austin
DPS Aviation	Aviation			Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Task Force Leader	1		Assigned	Hidalgo County
DSHS	AMB Staging Team	5		Assigned	Hidalgo County
DSHS	MIST, MTTs & RA-QRF	17		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	EMTF State Coordinating Office (SCO)	4		Assigned	SOC
DSHS	Angel Med Surge	622		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Maxim Med Surge	1,026		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	BCFS Med Surge	4,264		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Case Investigators	17		Assigned	PHR 1
DSHS	Infection Control Practitioner	10		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Epidemiologists	168		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Data Entry Spec	46		Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	Fatality Management Trailer (FMT) - HPP		16	Assigned	HPPs
DSHS	FMT - DSHS		3	Assigned	Hidalgo, Webb, Bexar Counties
DSHS	FMT - FEMA		39	Assigned	Bexar, Cameron, Dallas, El Paso, Harris, Hidalgo, Lubbock, Montgomery, Nueces, Randall, Smith, Starr, Travis Counties
HHSC	SOC Liaison	4		Assigned	SOC/Austin
PUC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TAHC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Virtual
TAHC	AROCC Operations	6		Assigned	Virtual
TDA	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TDLR	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Remote
TEA	SOC Liaison	2		Assigned	Remote
TMD	SOC Military Desk	3		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	SOC Food Unit	2		Assigned	SOC/Austin

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TMD	SOC Logs Veters	8		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	ABS MRP	4		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Support TDEM Warehouse (TXSG)	1		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Hospital Support	6		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	DHR Ambulance	14		Assigned	Edinburg
TMD	Lone Star HQ	45		Assigned	Austin
TMD	RHQ East	32		Assigned	Austin
TMD	RHQ North	26		Assigned	Austin
TMD	RHQ West	32		Assigned	Austin
TMD	MTS #1	15		Assigned	Houston
TMD	MTS #2	15		Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	MTS #3	16		Assigned	Corsicana
TMD	MTS #4	16		Assigned	Laredo
TMD	MTS #5	17		Assigned	McAllen
TMD	MTS #6	16		Assigned	Alice
TMD	MTS #7	15		Assigned	Houston
TMD	MTS #8	16		Assigned	Plano
TMD	MTS #9	16		Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	MTS #10	16		Assigned	San Angelo
TMD	MTS #11	16		Assigned	Freer
TMD	MTS #12	15		Assigned	Alamo
TMD	MTS #13	16		Assigned	Houston
TMD	MTS #14	16		Assigned	El Paso
TMD	MTS #15	14		Assigned	Tyler
TMD	MTS #16	15		Assigned	Edinburg
TMD	MTS #17	16		Assigned	Houston
TMD	MTS #18	16		Assigned	McAllen
TMD	MTS #19	16		Assigned	Denton
TMD	MTS #20	13		Assigned	Edinburg
TMD	MTS #21	16		Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	MTS #22	14		Assigned	Sinton
TMD	MTS#23	15		Assigned	Zapata
TMD	MTS #24	14		Assigned	Houston
TMD	TF RED HQ (TF LONESTAR)	15		Assigned	Austin
TMD	FDT #1	16		Working	Dallas
TMD	FDT #2	16		Assigned	Austin
TMD	FDT #3	16		Assigned	Midland

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TMD	FDT #4	16		Assigned	Houston
TMD	FDT #5	15		Assigned	Laredo
TMD	FDT #6	13		Assigned	Newton
TMD	FDT# 7	15		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	FDT #8	15		Assigned	Burkburnett
TMD	FDT #9	16		Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	TF RSA HQ	13		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	RSA-GSU Tyler	38		Assigned	Tyler
TMD	RSA-GSU Redbird	33		Assigned	Redbird
TMD	RSA-GSU Lubbock	34		Assigned	Lubbock
TMD	RSA-GSU El Paso	34		Assigned	El Paso
TMD	RSA-GSU TDEM SSA	71		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	RSA-GSU ABIA	39		Assigned	Austin-Bergstrom Int'l
TMD	RSA-GSU San Antonio	45		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	RSA-GSU Westheimer	25		Assigned	Houston
TMD	RSA-GSU Corpus	22		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	RSA-GSU Weslaco	27		Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	RSA-GSU Midland	6		Assigned	Midland
TMD	TF Longhorn HQ	45		Assigned	Austin
TMD	TF GS HQ	18		Assigned	Houston
TMD	HQ North	3		Assigned	Tarrant
TMD	North Texas Food Bank	42		Assigned	Dallas
TMD	Tarrant Area Food Bank	29		Assigned	Tarrant
TMD	San Antonio Food Bank	30		Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	HQ South	8		Assigned	Houston
TMD	Coastal Bend Food Bank	14		Assigned	Coastal Bend
TMD	Houston Food Bank	60		Assigned	Houston
TMD	South Texas Food Bank	15		Assigned	Laredo
TMD	Rio Grande Valley Food Bank	15		Assigned	RGV
TMD	MAU 1A (GSU 1C)	10		Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	MAU 2A (GSU 2C)	29		Assigned	Laredo
TMD	MAU 2B (GSU 1C)	20		Assigned	Harlingen
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
ARNORTH	551st MEDLOG	3		Assigned	San Antonio
ARNORTH	UAMTF 7458-1A	85		Assigned	Harlingen
ARNORTH	RRRT #2	7		Assigned	Eagle Pass
ARNORTH	COSC C2	2		Assigned	San Antonio

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
ARNORTH	COSC #4	3		Assigned	Eagle Pass
ARNORTH	Support RST	6		Assigned	Various

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at: <https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>

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